

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of MARCH 5TH, 2024
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Terry Phillips
Councillors: Loren Runnalls
 Dennis Jibb
 Carter Seymour
Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
Regrets: **Councillor:** Mark Lenover

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2024-035 **Moved:** **Carter Seymour** **Seconded:** **Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 5th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2024-036 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
ADD: 6. c. iv. Facility Evaluation
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of February 6th, 2024

2024-037 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
a. Regular Meeting of February 6th, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-02

2024-038 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$23,541.48
Fire	\$1,194.47
Admin	\$26,623.92
Total Voucher 2024-02	\$51,359.87

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road’s Department Report

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The Roads Superintendent reports that the early Spring weather has caused some water damage on some of the roads. Some roads are in poor condition and some gravel will need to be purchased to fix up some of the worst sections. Some culvert thawing was done as needed. The Superintendent confirmed that council wants to cover over the hall door that was damaged and will get a quote for this work to be included in the 2024 budget. Additionally, council confirmed to proceed with updating the camera system at the Community Hall as discussed. The Superintendent also presented Council with a map showing what roads work was completed in 2023 and what is planned for 2024 and 2025. The Superintendent will be attending the OGRA conference in April and has expressed interest in filling in a vacant board seat, which he has been nominated for. There would be no cost to the Township for him to be on the Board.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Department reports that they had one mutual aid call to assist Harley Township but they were called off before arrival.

c. Others

- i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – January 2024**
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes December 6th, 2023 & Merger Update**
- iii. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association – Meeting Minutes January 25th, 2024**
- iv. Facility Evaluation**

The Clerk-Treasurer notified Council that the facility evaluations need to be completed by July 1st, 2024 as part of the next asset management plan update, and the TMSA will not be able to release the planned joint RFP due to time constraints. The TMSA CBO is available to assist municipalities with this for \$350/day. Council agreed to proceed with this approach to complete facility evaluations for municipal buildings.

2024-039 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the following reports/minutes, and that it be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting:

- a. Road's Department Report
- b. Fire's Department Report
- c. Others
 - i. Eco Logix's Landfill Report – January 2024
 - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes December 6th, 2023 & Merger Update
 - iii. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association – Meeting Minutes January 25th, 2024
 - iv. Facility Evaluation

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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

- a. Township of Perry – Amend Blue Box Regulation for Ineligible Sources**

2024-040 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

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That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Perry's request for the Province of Ontario to amend Blue Box Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, specifically for 'Ineligible' Sources so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Perry, Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Andrea Khanjin, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and John Vanthof, MPP Temiskaming-Cochrane.
"CARRIED"

b. Township of Evanturel – Comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review

2024-041 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Evanturel's request to the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking a comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Evanturel.
"CARRIED"

c. Town of Petrolia – Return to Combined ROMA & OGRA Conference

2024-042 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Petrolia's resolution regarding their call upon Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) to return to a combined annual conference; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Petrolia.
"CARRIED"

d. City of Hamilton – Support for Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

No Action

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

None

9. Other Business:

a. 2024 – Gravel Crushing

2024-043 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct the Clerk-Treasurer to work with the Township of Hudson and the Township of

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Harley to release a joint request for quote for the purpose of crushing the following granular material for 2024 and 2025 fiscal years:

Granular M: 6,000 m³

Granular B: 1,500 m³

Class II: 0 m³

“CARRIED”

b. Blue Box Transition

2024-044 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a copy of Belinda’s Beairsto’s February 7th, 2024 presentation to Hudson Township Council regarding the Blue Box Transition; and

Direct municipal staff to “opt-out” of signing the Blue Box transition agreement with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO); and

Agree that CMO would become responsible for recycling bins and collection, and processing during the transition period of October 1st 2025 - Dec 31st 2025.

“CARRIED”

c. Municipality of Temagami – OPP Detachment Board 3 – Reorganization

2024-045 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has been working since March 2021 to develop and finalize the detachment board compositions for the Ontario Provincial Police; and

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police serves 19 municipalities and one First Nation; and

WHEREAS a proposal was submitted to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by the City of Temiskaming Shores on behalf of the communities served by the Temiskaming Detachment to establish three (3) Detachment Boards; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General approved the Temiskaming Detachment Board Framework on July 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced that the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 will come into force and effect on April 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Ministry posted the Draft Regulation setting out the OPP Detachment Board compositions and other related matters on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR) for public review and feedback on January 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Temagami has reconsidered their prior support of a three (3) Board governance structure for the Temiskaming Detachment and adopted Resolution No. 24-043 on February 1st, 2024

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requesting the Ministry of the Solicitor General to amend the draft Regulation in order to maintain the Temagami Police Services Board as a stand-alone Board; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has indicated that unanimous consent of all the municipalities identified in Board 3 for the Temiskaming Detachment would be required in order to amend the Regulation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Kerns hereby confirms their support that a three (3) Board structure for the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is the preferred choice for the Township of Kerns; and

FURTHER THAT Council respectfully declines to support the Municipality of Temagami's request to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.
"CARRIED"

d. Temiskaming Veterinary Service – Committee – 2024 Membership Fee

2024-046 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's donation request in the amount of \$225.00 to assist in reducing travel costs for veterinary services for residents of the Township of Kerns; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$225.00 as a donation to the Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee.
"CARRIED"

10. By-Laws


None

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None

12. Adjournment:

2024-047 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:12 pm and will meet again on April 2nd, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer